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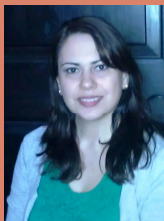
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First April 1, 2013

Economic Development

In a recent Forbes/ManpowerGroup report, Tucson business owners were ranked #2 nationally in terms of "hiring optimism." That ranking was also true for Tucson being considered as an entrepreneurial "hot spot." Those rankings don't come without some basis.

I've reported on the development at the old Mervyn's lot out on East Broadway. Initially there was the Hobby Lobby. Now add the Stein Mart and Mattress Firm. What was a vacant lot is now a bustling retail magnet.

Downtown is on fire. Kade Misilinski has the Hub and Playground hopping down on Congress. Up the street and around the bend are about 40 restaurants, with about ½ that number more either planned or under construction. At 1 E. Broadway is the \$16M mixed use development being funded largely by private dollars through Caylor Construction. Add to that Jim Campbell's \$33M student housing/mixed use project at the east end of Congress, the Schwabe/Kasser project over at the old Armory Park Apartments and Ross Rulney's upgraded Julian Drew/Carriage House/Tiburon Apartments and you're a long way to seeing how the private sector is hitting the singles and doubles that I've been advocating for since being elected back in 2009. The Downtown Tucson Partnership has been a strong advocate and marketing arm for getting much of this activity moving. We're looking forward to advancing the relationship between the City and the DTP during the immediate near term so we can capitalize on this momentum.

Also key to getting much of this activity going is the emphasis this Mayor and Council have placed on business relationships. We have implemented concurrent plan review, fixed the Certificate of Occupancy issues that existed a few years ago, modified the Land Use Code, the Historic Sign Code (most recent addition to the Historic Sign mix), have an Ombudsman in the Planning Department, economic development tools now clearly identified and in place along with identifiable people in both the Mayor and City Manager's offices to work directly with prospects. We're putting in place a Safe Harbor set of guidelines that will enhance the ability of businesses to stay active ahead of impending construction, we have addressed the need for clear and concise development agreements and are continuing to develop a culture of 'yes' in each of the departments who touch the business community. We are addressing





Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas 889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus Hotline

243-7999

Environment Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish 628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

some of the tweaks needed in the Infill Incentive District policy and with that will balance the needs of all stake holders when development is in the design phase.

Academics / school system / achievement – all of that is a key part in economic development and the decisions businesses make when relocating or expanding. To that end, the UA is increasing its downtown presence, its UAMC is internationally recognized as one of the best in health care, research and teaching, U.S. News and World Report has ranked our very own University High School and Basis Tucson as among America's best high schools, and there's talk of Pima College joining the UA with a larger presence in the downtown core.

I've said in numerous speaking engagements that we're on the cusp of pulling out of the economic troubles that have befallen the entire Country. It's nice to be able to open with this good news item.

Fourth Avenue Street Fair

While I've got economic development and downtown on your minds, the Fourth Avenue Street Fair took place last weekend and from what I heard from the vendors, it was quite a success. The weather cooperated and the people seemed ready to come out and have some fun on the Avenue.

Kurt Tallis of the FAMA Board sent me this shot. What a great way to see the interaction that goes on between our community members each time the Avenue hosts this event. Whether it's jewelry, food, drinks or just walking around "people-watching," this is an event that is signature for Tucson, and to which people come from all over the place.



Many thanks to the many people who spend the better part of the year organizing and preparing for this to be a successful event time after time.

Graffiti

One thing that can crush the upswing in our economic development efforts is if we don't get a handle on graffiti vandalism.

For over a year I've been asking why both private homeowners and Joe's Bar have to pay for their own graffiti abatement, but the large utilities around town are having it done on the taxpayer's dime. Some of the utilities tell me that they have their own crews, but as you read on you'll see that clearly they're not keeping up with the problem.

As recently as last week, I asked again during our budget discussions why we aren't billing the utilities and was assured that "it was being looked into." Well, on behalf of the taxpayers and the rest of the General Fund that is footing the bill, I guess I ran out of patience and did some snooping around on my own.

We have a contract with a great group – Graffiti Protective Coatings – to do graffiti abatement all over town. They're contracted at \$60K per month. Above that, they're supposed



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Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

to bill the City directly. Here's a real punch in the gut for the taxpayers and the small business owners who have been paying to clean up the vandalism that occurs on their property. Since February of 2012, Graffiti Protective Coatings has charged the City (you) \$61,581 to clean 32,899 tags on the property of just three of our private utilities (Century Link, TEP and Cox.) Understand that that's just those three. As a rule, they reach their \$60K monthly cap about 2-3 weeks into each month and begin direct billing from that point. Also, not included in those numbers are utility poles which they estimate account for about 1/3 of all of their work. The data for all of this is available to staff – and has been for quite some time. If I can get it, so can they. All they have to do is ask.

GPC does an absolutely wonderful job in abating the vandalism that tagging represents. For a while they were giving us a discount on the cleaning, but have been told that they have to start charging us full fare or we'd be in trouble from a procurement standpoint. I understand that – a bid was a bid and we can't change the rules mid-stream or anybody else who might have lost the bid to GPC would have grounds to challenge the reduced rate. But that's not the issue. The point is that in the last year, we've paid more than a full month's worth of the existing GPC contract (\$61K vs. \$60K) on behalf of those three utilities – not counting poles which would escalate the numbers even more.

Budget – police, fire, roads, parks / the \$61K isn't going to balance any of those, but out of fairness to private property owners who pay their own cleaning, the residents all over the City who take their time, money and effort to keep their neighborhoods clean, and the Graffiti Action Network group who has been studying how to address this City-wide problem, we need to charge the utilities for us/you having to pay to clean up the messes that show up every day on their property. If utility poles account for about 35% of all of their work, this is easily a \$100K+ issue and needs to be dealt with. That might open a swimming pool, or two.

Greyhound Adoption – April is Adopt-a-Greyhound Month



There are two local adoption organizations who are hosting some events during April. The two pooches shown in the picture are Tucker (drinking) and Cowboy (not sure how to describe what he's up to, but he sure has the tongue working). They belong to Cindy Hall who is a foster mom for the hounds and is associated with Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption. The other group is Arizona Greyhound Rescue.

Here's a listing of the events each is hosting this month:

- April 6th @ Antigone Books over on 4th Avenue - Meet and Greet from 11am until 1pm. Adopters and their dogs are invited to walk the Avenue – some of the restaurants have dog friendly patios (SAGA)
- April 6th The Loft Farmers Market – another Meet and Greet – 8am until 11am @ 3233 E. Speedway (SAGA)
- April 6th Petco at 5405 E. Broadway, a Meet and Greet from 11am until 1pm (AGR)
- April 7th a wine tasting event with a raffle from 4pm until 6pm at CataVinos Wine Shoppe – 3063 N. Alvernon. You should pre-register at catavinoswines.com (SAGA)
- April 13 the Pima Air and Space Museum will hold an event called “Fast Planes and Fast Dogs.” It'll go from 10am until 2pm. More hounds to Meet and Greet. (SAGA)

- April 13 PetSmart at 3850 W. River, another Meet/Greet from 11am until 1pm. (AGR)
- April 14th the Arizona Greyhound Rescue Dog Wash and Spa fundraiser will be held at the Pantano Animal Clinic (8333 E. 22nd) from 9am until 1pm.
- April 19th there's a Rainbow Remembrance at Reid Park from 7pm until 9pm. It's a memorial and will be held at Ramada #17. (SAGA)
- April 21st, the 19th Annual Tucson Earth Day at Reid Park from 9am until 2pm / more hounds on display for possible adoption. (SAGA)
- April 21st At-Home Kennels out at 9575 E. Millmar Road will host a "Playdate" from 9am until 11am. The dogs who come must have a muzzle, and their shots must be up to date. (AGR)
- April 24th, from noon until closing the California Pizza Kitchen will donate money to help greys. The restaurant is at 4500 N. Oracle and they'll have a Meet/Greet from 11am until 1pm. Go to sagreyhoundadoption.org to get a flyer before you show up.
- April 27th at the Bookmans on 6230 E. Speedway, the final Meet/Greet for the Adopt-a-Greyhound month activities from 11am until 1pm (AGR)

These dogs are rescued and/or retired from the track. They're great with kids and other small animals around the house. They're looking for a good and responsible home. If that's you, you've got plenty of opportunities to find your match.

Astronomy Picture of the Day

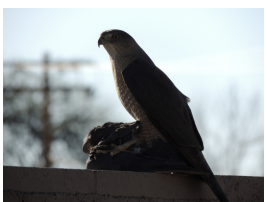
And speaking of the UA and economic development, it was honored last week with a nationally recognized "Astronomy Picture of the Day," a NASA driven award that is shared among the International astronomy family.



If you're an astronomer, don't cringe at my layman's description of this scene - it's a galaxy pulling apart from the gravitational pull of an adjacent one. The time lapse shown in the shot lasts about 400,000 light years, and the distance these two galaxies are from us is about 70 million light years away. That's as far as I'm going with this description. If you'd like more, call the folks at NOAO on the UA campus and they can tell you what I can't. My point here is to again highlight the fundamental importance to this community, and to the State that the UA plays in our International reputation, research and tourism dollars flowing into the area. Legislature, take note...

What's that got to do with Ward 6 news? The picture was taken from here.

Ward 6 Resident



So, if you've visited the Ward 6 office and have seen little body parts of creatures laying out in the landscape and wondered what was going on, well...we have a hawk who has decided to take up roost at our place. That's him sitting out on the ledge you walk past when coming to the front door. He's quite majestic. I know the image is a little dark (time of day / can't take a photo w/the sun in the background - and he wouldn't pose on the other side of the entryway) but you can see his chest is pretty distinctively colored with a sort of checkerboard design.

...sort of a random start to this newsletter (business, graffiti, solar system, predator) but it's all Ward 6 stuff at some level.

One Can a Week

You all are probably familiar with Peter Norback's project – One Can a Week. On Easter Sunday they celebrated their 221st consecutive Sunday of collecting food donations from around the community, one can at a time. This week carries an extra special bit of good news though.

Jason Heo is a second year student at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia. He learned of Peter's project and decided to implement one in the Swarthmore community. Through that, he applied for and was awarded a \$20K academic scholarship that "rewards distinguished academic and extra-curricular achievement, leadership qualities, and demonstrated commitment to civic and social responsibility. The award is through the Lang Opportunity Scholarship program.

Jason is going to model his project after what Peter has begun here in Tucson. He will also use software to create maps and information in a way to build community, and provide a mechanism through which neighbors can interact and increase the efficiency of the collection process. Websites are the 'thing' these days, and Jason is going to use the technology to build on the simple model that is already in place through Peter's work.

This is the description that appears at the academic level:

How Jason's program is described in

Academia - "Heo proposes to create ~~Earspath~~, a technologically-focused mechanism for increasing food access and promoting neighborhood civic engagement, for his Lang Project. To address this issue of food access, he plans to develop an effective food acquisition mechanism to contribute to an already existing distribution infrastructure in the Philadelphia area and a technological platform that will create transparency in the current black box of donation-giving as well as offer resources for starting other chapters. By developing mapping technology through mobile applications, there is great potential for creating communities of altruism throughout areas of the country where the model can be learned and applied, repeatedly."

The creative efforts of people all around this community end up bringing notoriety to Tucson in all sorts of ways. From Astronomy to feeding the needy, we're a City that's made up of some pretty amazing folks.

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NOTHING in my house is worth your life.

And, we get notoriety for other sorts of "creative" efforts, as well.

In the past week, I've been contacted about this "project" by Canadian Broadcasting, CNN's Anderson Cooper Show, the Associated Press, Huffington Post, Yahoo.com, Reu-

ters, The Alan Colmes Show, and multiple other on-line and print media have picked the story up from feeds. The media follows a rule: “if it bleeds, it leads” – let’s hope not.

Update on this project – they’ve identified the specific neighborhoods in which the shotguns will be offered for free – Midvale Park, Pueblo Gardens and Jefferson Park. For the record, none of the neighborhood associations in any of those neighborhoods were asked if they wanted to participate.

But, you will be. The plan is to flyer the areas and ask if you’d like one of their shotguns. The allegation is that they have about as much money committed now as I did from you for the gun buy-back we held back on January 8th. With that, they say they’ll pay for a shotgun, ammunition and training for people who want to participate. Signage will be provided at the entry points of neighborhoods in which some, if not all residents are taking part.

The criticism I’ve received is that I referred to the organizer of the project as a leader. I was incorrect. He’s not.

Ghandi said that the culture of a community is seen in the hearts and soul of its people. It’s my belief that this project does not reflect the hearts and soul of this community. I guess we’ll see as it unfolds and the acceptance or rejection it receives from those most directly impacted in the neighborhoods that have been targeted.

To the great credit of our Police officers, they’re down about 35 officers and yet they’ve been able to show reductions in response times for our first three levels of crime (Emergency, Critical and Urgent). It is true that we need to beef up our staffing numbers, and we have academy classes in the works to do that. We need to take care of the gridlock that exists at the bottom end of the pay scale (for all of our workers, not just public safety) and that is again a topic of our budget conversations. If there are so many people willing to donate to a public safety initiative as the organizer of this project alleges, then I’d much prefer to see them donate to the Police Foundation to help fund safety gear for our first responders than to buy guns for distribution into the community.

I’ve been correctly quoted as having said that this project seems like a solution looking for a problem, and if it doesn’t find one, it may end up causing one. If you live in one of the three focus neighborhoods, if the organizer can be believed you should be seeing a flyer on this program in about a month.

Pima County DOT Bike Advocacy

There are three bike safety classes coming up that are sponsored by Pima County DOT and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Here are the dates/times/locations.

- Wednesday, April 17th, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. UA/Pima County Bike Station, UA Mall & Highland
- Thursday, May 9th, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. UA/Pima County Bike Station, UA Mall & Highland
- Tuesday, May 21st, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. UA/Pima County Bike Station, UA Mall & Highland

These are family events at which you can pick up a free U-Bolt, light or helmet for participating. You’ve of course got to have your own bike, and it has to have a functioning rear

brake (this is a safety class). You'll also be required to wear a helmet. Take it from one who has been hit five times while riding, they're cheap insurance.

Also bike related, coming up on Sunday, April 7th, I'll be participating in Cyclovia out at Mission View School / S. 8th and W. 37th. For those who want to move along at my snails pace for about 30 minutes, we'll leave from that location and eventually circle back to the start. It's not a race – it's for fun and to get a little exercise. I hope you can take a little time on the 7th to join in that event, and to check into the safety courses over on the UA mall as well.

Genna's Law

After we moved to adopt a local Genna's Law, I was asked where the .08 Blood Alcohol number came from. It wasn't random. Here is the Arizona Revised Statute related to operating a motor vehicle when intoxicated:

28-1381. Driving or actual physical control while under the influence; trial by jury; presumptions; admissible evidence; sentencing; classification

A. It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this State under any of the following circumstances:

1. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor, any drug, a vapor releasing substance containing a toxic substance or any combination of liquor, drugs or vapor releasing substances if the person is impaired to the slightest degree.

2. If the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more within two hours of driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle.

If it's a good enough standard for keeping a steering wheel out of the hands of somebody who is impaired, one would hope that even the gun activist community would see the logic of applying the standard to a weapon. Based on the reaction I received from the predictable sources, even that isn't a universally accepted standard for operating a loaded weapon. The same group who wants to give away the loaded weapons does not want to prohibit drinking while driving a loaded gun. Contact your Council Member and let him or her know how you feel.

Pima Mine Road Recharge Project



Finally, I teased this item last week, and will comment on it again this time. I noted that a couple of us on the Council are looking into establishing some objective standards by which

groups who want to tap into our CAP pipeline can apply to do so. The goal needs to be that we protect the viability of our groundwater in the Tucson Active Management Area (AMA) down around Green Valley.

A couple of the general criteria I'm kicking around include making sure that anybody who taps into our CAP line keeps the water we're letting them use within our AMA. Why would we allow a tap, only to see the water diverted elsewhere? Another general theme is that we make sure we're only allowing entities who tap into our source who have the financial capacity to construct the capital improvements that they'll need to deliver water to their eventual users. I'm sure there are more selection criteria we'll want to add to the mix, but to me, those two are pretty basic to the discussion.

This, plus some changes to our existing water service policy should be coming to a study session agenda in the near future – right now, budget is consuming most of our time, though.

Sincerely,



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Watch Council Member Kozachik tonight on the Jon Stewart Show

Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Monday, April 1, 8:00pm. **"Soul Asylum"** all ages.

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00pm. **"Community Vision for the Rondstadt Transit Center"**

Friday, April 5, 8:00pm. **"Robert Earl Keen"** all ages.

Saturday, April 6, 8:00pm. **"Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers"** all ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Friday, April 5, 8:00pm. **"One Vision: The Music of Queen. Co-Presented by Tucson Symphony Orchestra"**

Saturday, April 6, 2:00pm & 7:30pm. **"In the Mood 2013"**

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Arizona Theatre Company presents **"Clybourne Park"** by Bruce Norris

Saturday, April 6 – April 27, 2013.

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Music Hall

Wednesday, March 20 through Sunday, April 7. “Broadway in Tucson presents: **Wicked**”

TCC Exhibit Halls

Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7. “**SAHBA Spring Home and Patio Show**”

Leo Rich Theatre

Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7. “Desert Christian High School presents: **The Crucible**”

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 26 and ending June 16:

“**Desert Grasslands**,” “**Feminina: Images of the Feminine from Latin America**,” and

“**Elements in Western Art: Water, Fire, Air, and Earth**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: “**Peter Young: Capitalist Masterpieces**”

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens March 2 and runs March 30

“**The Journey Continues: Pat Frederick, Mikaela Quinn, Roberta Miller**”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento
Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00pm. **"In Your Dreams: Stevie Nicks"**

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00pm. **"Badlands"**

Thursday, April 4, 7:00pm. **"My Best Day"**

Saturday, April 6, 7:00pm. **"Joel Hodgson Live: Riffing Myself"**

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world's largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

"100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Community Food Bank Citrus Gleaning for 2013

The Community Food Bank is offering to pick surplus citrus from homes and businesses in some areas of town. They term this service "Gleaning" or harvesting food that would otherwise go unused. They are currently accepting and picking up already picked fruit now, but will begin the actual gleaning program on January 22 and end on April 30. For more information on how to turn your excess fruit into food for those who need it, contact Lou Medran at 449-8340 or lmedran@communityfoodbank.org

Sam Hughes Historic Neighborhood and Home Tour – Sunday, April 7

Sam Hughes Historic District encompasses one square mile bordered by Speedway/Broadway and Country Club/Campbell. This popular self-guided tour features homes, gardens, businesses and sample-serving restaurants. Unique this year are four alternative living arrangements that display the diversity of this mid-town neighborhood. The tour is Sunday, April 7 (12-5). Tickets are \$20, available beginning March 28 at Arte de la Vida (37 N. Tucson Blvd., just north of Broadway---398-6720 or day-of-tour at Rincon Market (2516 E. 6th St.).

The Lacey Jarrell Foundation Art Display at the Ward 6 Office

Ward 6 Gallery and The Lacey Jarrell Foundation proudly announce the presentation of award winning artwork at the Ward 6 Gallery, 3202 E. 1st St. The exhibit will feature work by carefully selected artists from Arizona, Texas, Brazil, Mexico and France. All come from diverse backgrounds and will present varying styles created in a number of different mediums. There will also be events each weekend that includes special art demonstrations, interactive group projects, music, and other entertainment. The exhibit will be on display at Ward 6 Gallery from April 6, 2013 through May 30th, 2013 with an opening reception on **Saturday, April 6**